Dear Charlotte and Jean:

You could not have thought up more appreciated gifts!. The beautiful enlargement of the picture from Ceylon will have a permanent place in our trip books when Christmas carols come down. And the delightful little box from Srinagar, with the good candied mint (which I presume you made, Jean) is on our rosewood coffee table from Hong Kong for all to admire and enjoy. Thank you both so very much.

Of course you know that our Christmas was a merry one — 12 western Wilsons around the tree and the big dining room table --- plus a surprise long distance call from the Lloyd Wilsons in Darien. We are very blessed.

"Happy New Year" and love to you — both from the two of us —

Fondly,
Carol.

December the 29th

(over)

I must add my word of appreciation for the beautiful print. Only perfect exposures make such successful enlargements; I've never seen a better one! He will certainly treasure it.

Cordially,

Osborne

3525 CLAY STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

October 13, 1957

Dear Jean:

The fine reproductions of your good pictures of Ellora, Ajanta, and other points of interest in India are greatly appreciated. They arrived in time to be inserted for two showings this week - one for an audience of over 200 at the Women's City Club.

We are looking forward to further exchange of news and views with you in Carmel in early November - and still hope that we may see you in San Francisco before then.

Mrs. Hough of Gumps loaned us her mgnificent folios of color and black-and-white reproductions of Ajanta frescoes - made with the backing of the Nazim of Hyderabad and produced by Oxford Press. Are you familiar with these? I am toying with the idea of trying to make trasnparencies of some of them and would welcome your advice as to which ones to select.

Carol joins in fond greetings to you and your mother.

Sincerely,

Osborne.

3525 CLAY STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Nov. 26, 1957

Dear Jean:

I finished up a roll of regular Anscochrome (Speed-32) which I had in my camera, on some of the Ajanta Plates. The results are enclosed; I think the color reproduction is reasonably good — will be interested to see comparison with results of your super-Ansco.

Today I took about 25 pictures on Kodachrome; sun left before I finished, but will complete the roll tomorrow — which will just about take care of all you marked. Will send them on as soon as they're developed. In the meantime will you please return the enclosed slides — as we have a couple of showings coming up on Dec. 8 & 10.

If after seeing them all you decide you want all for your collection, I'll be glad to present them to you — after making duplicates of perhaps 8 or 10 of the best ones which are all we will want to put into our permanent collection.

Our success with these plates leads me to wonder if there is any similar published material on the Ellora Caves. Do you know of any? There might be some good interiors to replace the flash & time exposure shots I lost. If you know of any will you please let me know how I can get ahold of them.

Cordially,

Osborne

Referring to your letter of Nov. 17:

With my square pictures it's impossible to avoid some white space around the edges; but I think we will have to admit frankly that they're reproductions when we show them. I think the shots you asked for particularly were marked by you in the folios; but if after you get the Kodachrome roll you don't find them all, I'll try again. Hope you may be able to get to S.F. before too long; would like to get you & Mrs. Hough together for dinner. S.O.H.

3525 Clay Street
San Francisco 18, California

August 26, 1959

Dear Jean:

The leaves of the calendar turn fast and your friend must be about ready to leave Calcutta. This morning I had a letter from there, but it was written before Miss Garrecht's order had gone through. Lloyd saw Russ Robinson in Frankfurt last week and called us when he got home on Monday night to say that everything would be done for her from that end. Then I called Caroline and she said that she had been assured that if the girl had proof of her registration-to-be at the University in Provo she should have no trouble in getting her visa.

The point of this letter is to tell you that we want you both to come to our house for the few days that she will be in San Francisco. You must let us do at least this much as our part in this big venture of friendship.

We will give you a key and let you be as independent as you wish in your comings and goings and will fit in whatever our schedules allow as sightseeing guides.

Please give our best love to your mother and keep much for yourself.

Ever fondly,

Carol.

3525 Clay Street
San Francisco 18, California

October 19, 1959

Dear Jean:

Many thanks for sending me the two interesting volumes on Chinese art. I appreciate your notation that these are for "extended loan", for my time for reading seems to be somewhat limited, but I shall genuinely enjoy absorbing the knowledge that these two volumes contain. I also appreciate your thoughtful notations as to the portions of special interest to my project.

Carol reports that Mrs. Harrington's plan for your coming talk for Century Club was enthusiastically received by the Board.* Many of them spoke appreciatively of your former presentation. She joins in fond greetings to you and your mother.

Cordially,

Osborne

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Enclosure

* you'll be hearing from her soon, I'm sure - We had a Program com. meeting today and tentatively selected Jan. 6th C.G.W.

3525 CLAY STREET SAN FRANCISCO 18, CALIFORNIA

December 15,1963

Dear Jean:

Carol and I are very happy to be in a position to help out in your time of need. Check for $1000 is enclosed; a second thousand will follow as soon as I can make a minor readjustment in funds. Please feel no urgency about repaying this loan. If it is a year or more before you and Jim are able to get things squared around, that will not in any way embarrass us.

We share your gratification that this fine Mayo surgeon was on hand to bring Jim through his very trying ordeal. We trust that some weeks in the desert will see him fully restored.

Carol joins in affectionate greetings to you both.

Sincerely,

Osborne.

Loan used to publish "PRELUDE"
J.K.

G. O. WILSON
3525 CLAY STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94118

May 7, 1964

Dear Jim:

Many thanks for repaying so promptly the loan with which Carol and I were glad to help you and Jean through a difficult period. If there should be any need, in the future, for similar help, please don't hesitate to call on us for it.

I'm glad to know that the iris are doing so well. You and Jean obviously give them loving care. Is the ruffled white one that you mentioned fragrant? One of mine is; I will be glad to share it with you this fall.

Carol joins in affectionate greetings to both of you.

G. O.

Presented to Bessie Smith & J.K.D - in S.F. on occasion of Jean's talk at C. Club.

OSBORNE and CAROL WILSON

1914 - October 14 - 1964

It seems - perhaps it was - a different time
Full fifty years ago. The very clime
Was changing, from a century of peace,
Of tranquil growth, of growth which did not cease,
Into a world where all was bleak and dun.
The era of World Wars had just begun -
Turmoil and panic: revolution: flame:
And newly weds must take it as it came;
Create, maintain, defend, a home new-formed
While everywhere the tempests blew and stormed.
'Twas often things went wrong, but few went well;
To rise was hard, when many a venture fell.
Yet somehow, some way, like a straining team
Pulling o'erburdened (in a nightmare dream)
Through slough and mire a grievous heavy load,
It stirs; it moves; it gains the solid road
And forward goes upon a smoother way:
So life moved forward, gaining day by day
A league of distance, or perchance a mile,
Yet ever moving forward all the while.

Two, hand in hand, a woman and a man
Began, as Eden in this world began.
Next came increase, a child to love and guide,
And then Creation's wonder multiplied.

A couple once, but now that concept ceased -
A family now, a family increased.
Children to nurse and heal when they were sick;
Children to love and aid through thin and thick;
Children to cherish and to educate;
Children to worry o'er when nights were late;
Children to teach the lore of God above;
Children to guide along the paths of love;
Children to fill with love of life, and zest;
Yet children who in time must leave the nest;
Create their own homes in these latter days
And there a younger generation raise.

Now, as it was, it is. The starting pair
Remain - one couple - polished, yet more fair,
Like sterling silver rubbed by gentle hand,
Or like the worn but gleaming wedding band.
Two they began, together two remain;
They share old memories of love and pain;
Their thoughts unspoken leap from brain to brain -
Challenges met together, and aright -
Dread shared and conquered in the hours of night -
Courage reciprocated; love; and strength;
And understanding through two lives of length -
True sympathy from loving hearts which cared,
And love increased through five full decades shared.

Perhaps not young in face, but warm in heart
As now their Indian Summer decades start
Wherein, serene and bright, the blessed two
May rest relaxed, may write, may play, may do
Whate'er is nearest to their hearts' desires.

For now the time has come to bank the fires
As, moored in port, a liner's engines do -
For all the perils of the sea are through -
The ship is safe, her passengers and crew -
The captain and his mate have earned their rest.

The midday sun descends towards the West
But 'twill not set for many another hour -
Time serves to garner many an Autumn flower.
Enjoy them all. And thank the gracious Lord
Who spun your lives upon His golden cord,
Who guided and sustained you, and preserved
You to each other, as your love deserved.
May His augmented blessings ever stand
Around you, and preserve you - hand in hand.

FRS.

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March 19, 1965

Dear Jean:

The generous thought that you put into helping me with the conclusion of the Hoover book is appreciated more than I can tell you. Not only are you an artist in your own field, but also in your approach to all of life with rare ability to express it. I feel that I should write a footnote , giving you credit for that perceptive last sentence, which I had the temerity to includejust as you wrote it! But that would be conspicuous --- so I will just say thank you and tell you that once again we found our minds meeting. Our days of travel together were a joy to be remembered always, and your great interest in my creative experiments reflect the understanding that has made our relationship so wonderful, even if actual time together is so infrequent.

I waited to write this until Anna Wilson had time to clean-copy it for me (I mean by "it" the two pages of manuscript.)She will bring them to me tomorrow morning and I will send the first copy on to my editor, who has not yet made a decision. I wrote him last week that I was re-working these pages after our Carmel visit. Let's hope he is waiting to see them before deciding.

Osborne joins me in love and wants to add a special word to Jim.

Always affectionately,

Carol

Dear Jim:

None of my Garden Club friends had heard of any fast-growing Dichondera; and they were not very enthusiastic about its use. One of them suggested blue Adjuga(sp.?), but wothout great enthusiasm for that, either. Your local nurseryman is probably the best one to advise you on this problem.

Cordially,

L.O.

May 27, '65

Herbert Hoover Memorial Library
Building completed in 1960
West Branch, Iowa

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Dear Jean: Our thoughts were with you as we trod the hallowed ground of this impressive memorial today. The grave sites are in process of drastic reconstruction; a great truck was waiting to deliver great marble slabs which we understood were to serve as head pieces, but recent rains had so soaked the ground that they were unable to approach the graves. Dr. Lassmer, director of the memorial was constructively interested in Carol's miss. She joins in greetings to you & Jim.

Mrs. James Dickie

Es-Len Photos, P.O. Box 962, Aurora, Ill.

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January 24.;966

Dear Jean:

Saturday afternoon I was at Ginny Gibbon's home for a meeting of Mayflower Descendants and took your letter. She was deeply concerned over her error as she wrote you, and we hope for your forgiveness. She would never have expected a "courtesy" program when you have to come from so far and do so much preparation. As for the other reasons, we understand and do not want to press you if this is not the convenient time. We would love to have you and of course, the Wilson invitation stands, but if next fall would suit you better, we will pass on the suggestion to the next committee.

We do hope that the Point matters will soon clear up. Those things involve so much patience!

Of course, you know that Elise is in Pasadena on a sad errand. Ethel is cirtically ill and Elsie had Marosan drive her down in her car so that she can be independent about transportation. She is staying with her cousin Ruth Finch.

And I may not have told you of our own problem. Our Waldron ("Baldy") ia critically ill. The wonderful Team of cancer experts at

Stanford Medical center are doing a yeoman job and he has endless patience and faith... and so has Jane.

Osborne joins in love to you both,

Carol-

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February 23, 1966

Dear Jean:

What a pity that the flu bug attacked Jim down there in your beautiful Valley where the sunshine and fresh air should be a protection. Give him our love and tell him we hope he is soon over the effects. It is too bad that he cannot come next week, but he is wise to take it easy. Osborne will be most happy to run your slides. He was planning to be there anyway, and will come early enough to have it all in place.

I am sorry that you did not feel like having luncheon with Caroline, but know that she has been asked to sit at the peatable afterward with you. And I told the hostess to save a place for your aunt, too.

Of course she and her friend will be most welcome. That "two guest" business is new to me. They used to suggest more, but I spoke to Mrs. Gibbons and she said not to be concerned. Actually, they could be my guests, if you would rather.

Probably you have not heard from Elsie recently and may not know that Ethel died in late January. Then the day she returned we had to greet her with the news that our "Baldy" had left us-- on February 1st !

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It has been a difficult time for us all, but all our friends have upheld us with love, and he left us with precious memories. Jane is remarkable - she just came in to spend the night with us, so I will leave other news until I see you.

Ever with love,

Carol.

P.S. Did Mrs. Gibbons send you a parking ticket for the S.O. station across from the Club? They have a reserved place for the speaker.

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Mar. 8, 1966.

Dear Jim:

Thanks for your good letter. Both Carol and I thrioly enjoyed seeing Jean and your remarkable little mother. And one of the most respected members of Century Club commented that Jean's talk was the most scholarly and interesting she had ever heard at the Club. I'm glad that my offer to operate the projector gave a chance to hear it.

Your words of sympathy are deeply appreciated. Loss of Waldron was a shattering shock to our closely knit family; but words of comfort from dear old friends like you and Jean have helped us to get thru these hard days. Carol joins in appreciation to you both.

Gratefully, L.D.

3525 Clay Street
San Francisco
California 94118

January 24, 1968

Dear Jean and Jim:

It is impossible to believe that two weeks have slipped by since the happy visit from you two! The lovely corsage of white carnations lasted most of that time as a reminder. Thanks you again.

And now here is the quaint little Turtle settled down in the doll house garden, taking our thoughts back to that rare experience we had together among the artistic people of India. It is my only miniature from that land and we thank you —

We hope to see you again before too long and join in love to you both —

Carol and Osborne

3525 Clay Street
San Francisco, California 94118

June 6, 1970

Dear Jean:

Your letter with the good news of the final placing of your Mother's papers where they will be appreciated, at Yale, was here to greet us on our return from the East. I was glad to know this was accomplished and I am sure Dr. Lasner will be understanding.

I presume now that you are in the East yourself and hope that your contact with Perrin Galpin proved fruitful and pleasant. If I had known of it sooner, I would have asked you to convey my greetings to him and also to discuss the Hoover book with him. I presume that he knows about it, but if you are writing him and did not discuss it, you might put in a word.

I have not heard from Dr. ~~Henley~~ Hernle yet but I am still hoping. Our plan to contact Frank Mason was thwarted but we did talk with him by long distance from New York -- still a frustrating experience.

Our love to you both.

~~Yours truly~~, with fond greetings to you both, Carol.

Carol Green Wilson

CGW:tj

3525 Clay Street
San Francisco, California 94118

September 9, 1972

Dear Jim:

It will be a pleasure to put in a good word for you at the Press Club if, and when, I hear from them. I'm afraid I don't meet the qualification of "distinguished gentleman"; but I guess our nearly sixty years residence in and near San Francisco will qualify me as being reliable.

We have a tentative plan which might bring us to Carmel on Thursday, September 28. If we get there we will most certainly give you and Jean a call on the phone. As you know, Carol feels obligated to spend most of our time there with Elsie.* From last reports she continues to do reasonably well.

If either of you should have occasion to come to San Francisco in the near future, please be sure to contact us. As we have previously told you, there are plenty of extra beds at 3525 Clay Street which we would be glad to have either of you occupy at any time.

Cordially,

G. O.

GOW:mg

* Just as the secretary finished this, Ann Woolsworth dropped in. She was enthusiastic over Elsie's improvement. The nurse has taken her to the hairdressers and she walks in the garden with her walker! Love to you both, Carol.

with the paper-work burden which as you well know is heavy. She is feeling better and I know this is a relief to her mind.

I do hope Jim continues to feel better and that we will see all three of you soon again. Affectionately, Carol

~~February~~ March 5th

Dear Jean and Bernie:

The precious bouquet - with its fragrance of carnations and daphne - will live on in its memory of a wonderful day together. Thanks you so much for that very thoughtful gift!

We were very proud of our "cousin" on Wednesday afternoon. I kept thinking of the pleasure it would have given your mother and father had they been in that audience. I am sure that those who knew them must have felt their ~~spiritual~~ spiritual presence!

And again we want to thank you, Joan, for sharing your spiritual legacy from your mother. That experience will convey over long in helping us to understand some of the mystery of being.

We are at Woodside and Osborne is helping Jane

We will wait eagerly for word on your book, Jim, and also on mine. I hope we will be exchanging cheerful news soon!

much love from us both,

Carol

March 10th (3-11) P.S. I did type the pages before going to the Library Com. of the Women's Athletic Club This a.m. & read it to them. They all liked it - only suggestion as marked - that that over-emphasized present situation - this is better as universal

Dear Jean and Jim:

Today at Century I had the joy of sharing the happy memory picture of our wonderful Sunday with you with Blanche Matthias - she was greatly pleased to hear all the good news. Really we cannot think of any news more worth repeating than to tell of your perfect setting.

We greatly enjoyed every minute and were so glad to meet your dear Scotch mother - and to be there to celebrate her 85th birthday!!

Jean dear, Thank you for your revealing word picture of Mr. Hoover's burial service. I am deeply grateful. Osborne went on up to Pine Ridge to gather leaf mold and left me at my typewriter to try to transcribe that feeling into a new ending for my book. It still needs a bit of polishing - As soon as I have gone over it again I will send you a carbon — and also Dr. Trueblood — another good friend — before I send it to the publishers -

Jean - Carol Wilson = Jim

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